

(Van, Feb 70)

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March '62 - assigned as CG code for 7th Div
DTA (31st DTA: 7-provinces)

1960-61: ~ below, participated with Nhu + Thompson
on strat. combat program.

1961: experiment with census genuine program
- Ton Kiep area of Binh Thuan.

1962: Van passed for + got acceptance of C as
PC of Kin Hoa, from Huynh Van Cao +
Dinh; to replace Thao.

~ May '63: Mayor of Dong.

~ Jan '64: back to Kin Hoa, till

Dec '65: at request of CIA, assigned as
director of RO Cadre Program, under MORO.

- Jan '66: quit program, alleging harassment
+ overt control by CIA. (Van sold Bc to Thang
and CIA as replacement; CIA reluctant
- Inspector: MORO (VGS) over a year; refused permission
to Van for CIA. Saw limited off. on action list)

to run for assembly; Nov 67: got 42% of
vote in field of 22 candidates (?)
2d Deputy got 12%. (?)

Nov '65 - Kim Hoa, C told V of "close friend"
from other side, had not seen since 1948.

Spring of '66: according to C, he had discussed
him with Donahue and Methuen. Had been
visited 5 times in 1967-68 by a "Mr. Adams" of
CIA with proposal Adams be put in contact
with him. After consideration, C had rejected each.
He thinks their rejection led to CIA turning over
info to National Police.

C asked V in April 1969, after arrest, to
tell Ambass. that brother was high official in
Hanoi — colonel in VM in 1948, Intell. Officer for
Antagonist V (2+3 in Center) — and could be useful
in establishing relationship with Hoi Van Lam,
#2 in Paris. (also influential on Mr. Buer,
a leader in 1954 Geneva negot.).

In Nov 65, C said "family" was expecting
for US to search for negot. settlement; wanted
advice. C indicated intention to take up
with CIA w.r. in prison.

V did not report. (Then civ. advisor
to 1st Inf. Div.).

In Dec 65 C requested V as his advisor; V was,
C's
till Jan 1966, transfer.

In ~~Dec~~^{Aug} 1966, C said another visit had
take place with his "family"; also wanted
meeting with Lodge. (On pass passport), important
in Hanoi, at sub-cabinet level. Revealed, his brother:
"first a national, 2nd a Com".

C requested that Abess counsel info
from CX, since he felt CIA would want to
"revenge" itself on C due to difficulty on RO papers.
Meeting could be arranged on 3 weeks notice.

V told Porter, who thought HCC would refuse,
because of strain on relations with GVN. Suggested CA...

Week later, P authorized V to make contact.

C said would attempt (3 week notice required,
for H to come from Hawaii. H rejected; V too
low-level.

V returned to Korea in 1967. No more word
from C till April 69.

April: V told Bill Edwards, Acting Chief.

B. not aware of background; denied CA came of
arrest.

Mrs. Thun, of Hqs, An Ping summit.

C says Thiri should share power by allowing
council from religious factions to agree on
policies, which T would carry out. Tby don't
want ministries [T^{him} says tby wanted to name PM]
but power "to participate in determining the
national policies"

Otherwise, Thiri can rule only by dictatorial
means and with much US support.

Thiri is a "local foreigner," who does not
understand traditional values.

Van on Chan, Feb 76

Dec-Jan: Discontent + traveling.

25 Jan 66: round to Vay Pan. Chan began
interviewing Parachute Group, who ^("Comm") said, cells were being
formed in the Political Group.

Capt Mai became Major about March 1966,
to solve C/A discontent.

C. found it was Dug Don cells, 'Think Forward.'
— 'not bad philosophy, but inconsistent with GVN +
US interests. If US wanted, OK, but he would leave.'
(Thru postcard)

Sauvageot, etc. began translating lesson plans.

C. finally demanded of Van to know if US
knew of this. Donahue admitted he did not know;
but later, on Jorgy pressure, they back-tracked
(Claimed "in '65", things could have gone either way."
What do you think we are, ^{What do you think we are,}
J: "You don't think we're so naive." "We're not amateurs?"

Porter briefed, in April or May. Van briefed Koven.
Koven investigated.

C. was demanding removal of Mai; couldn't
get, so he put in Think as Commandant, over
Mai; C/A got Mai named Director of Instruction
late April, early May.

Mai getting Thinh bypassed; Thinh
threatened to resign.

PM clique, instructors close to Thinh; other
CIA clique.

They ordered Chan back to Saigon
in May (apparently CIA pressure). Meanwhile
C lecturing on RD.

In May, Dondue left; Dick Fortin took
over for Cap, but doubled on Dan's back.
Mr. Bink reported on Fortin ("Hy, skithead" —
Ky's nephew).

Van runs to Wisner, W to Porter, later
May: probable explosion in VT.

Porter called over V about 1st May; he
had investigated; no basis for fears. ^{Long, Jerry} Ordinal
Van not to discuss in Wash.

(V told AID not to take over Cadet program).

Post & Stinson set up briefing for Cager & Cally: ~12 June 66. AD decided not to take over. Cally to look into it.

Poston found out about briefing on quiet tip; got back on 19th June; told Myer ^{on 20th} he wanted Van out of country 24 hrs. after he returned on 21st.

Same day, he learned there had been an armed insurrection at VT on the 16th; former CIA personnel had taken over 2 camps, sent out assass. squads for Chan.

Wesley & Han sent down (talked to George Morton, SF Col.): all true; and CIA had prevented Americans from leaving VT, to report.

Hart had arrived ^{18th}, but had gone to Thailand to settle family; but Thuy insisted, he was brought back, on Sunday, 23rd.

Jerry had left about 18th.

Thuy had gone down to talk to rebels; they brought out CIA men with them, and T. had to bargain with them. Thuy told Hart either GUV would win, ~~or~~ Mai had to go — or PC's would not cooperate; could not be called RD Cadres.

CA asked for 2 mil gross; T OK'd, but
took back. Sent Chan down

Meanwhile, V had been given orders: to go to
Kees. But Porter learned from W + H —
"What Van wanted?" — and was pissed at
CA for not telling him. Porter revoked V's
orders, gave his protection to Regard's job
(who moved to Porter's office).

Chan went down in late June; but CA
minor campaign (wife of V's running supply
said she was Chan's wife, taking over commission.)

Chan indicted for misuse of funds in KH
3 years earlier; he was cleared, after rumors had
been spread.

Chan read at CA.

Meanwhile, they would not allow C. to
resign to run for CA: he went to hospital in Oct

(C left V on Jan 2d this ~ Sept.

Finally made inspector of Poe in I Corps.